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MINUTES

2/14/08

10AM TO 12PM

COMMISSION ON THE DEAF AND
HARD OF HEARING

MEETING CALLED BY	
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly
NOTE TAKER	Laura Knapp
ATTENDEES	Laura Knapp, Terry Cote, Maureen McIntyre, Alice Buttwell, Joy Liebeskind, Tom Brooks, Joan Law, Kathy Bradley, Molly Cole, Maureen Smith, Barbara Buggella, Mary Jean Schierberl, April Dipollina, Eveleen McDonald, Mona Tremblay, Jennifer Carroll, Karen Zrenda, Lids Sheppard

10:00 -10:15

INTRODUCTIONS

CLRC- MAUREEN MCINTYRE

DISCUSSION	Maureen McIntyre introduced herself. Maureen is the chair of CLRC. Maureen is also the assistant Director of the North Center area on aging. Maureen reiterated that the mature population has similar issues as children.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

10:15 -10:30

ANNUAL REPORT/ LEGISLATIVE BRAKFAST

DISCUSSION	<p>Focus for the breakfast is on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to insurance. 2. Quality Workforce 3. A coordinated and integrated system for children. <p>Members will bring finger foods. Jen Carroll will have the bill numbers printed on M&M's.</p> <p>The Annual Report all remarks fall into the same three items. Some areas of priority are the FOA and the Catastrophic Relief Fund. Members are encouraged to make comment and e-mail them as soon as possible.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	CFSC Members willing to write a paragraph or comments are to e-mail Karen and Terry.		
ACTION ITEMS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
All food will be brought to the LOB	Council		

10:30- 10:45

CATASTPOPHIC RELIEF FUND

DISCUSSION	<p>The Relief Fund is a piece of the larger need. It is felt that this fund will assist families but will not solve the issues families face. Legislators are misinformed about the various resources and often thinking that a fund would pay for non-medical items.</p> <p>Concerns are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The funding source will alienate the business communities. 2. Is the Chamber of Commerce included? 		
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Could companies receive a tax credit? 4. Would some one from New Jersey or Massachusetts come to speak about their Catastrophic Relief Fund? 5. Could companies contract better health policies i.e. larger benefit for durable medical supplies? 6. Would there be an employee contribution? <p>The fund as it is written would require any business that is subjected to unemployment tax will pay one dollar per employee. The Legislation uses the New Jersey and Massachusetts model.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	The concerns of the council will be brought to the OCA and COC.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
A vote was taken: 10 approved the legislation as it stands, 4 opposed and 5 were undecided. A letter of support will be sent.		

10:45 – 11:15

CTFSC FUNDING

DISCUSSION	The DDC has awarded 33 thousand for a part-time staff person to the Council. A job description will be posted. The Council will seek permanent funding for a full time person. One option for funding is support from the State Agencies on the Council. The STED has offered \$ 1000. DDS has been the largest supporter funding with 170 thousand, 85 thousand is from B-3. These funds are for operational, supplies, and travel.	
CONCLUSIONS	Another option is to meet with the commissioners from each State Agency regarding funding.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

11:15- 11:30

UPDATES

DISCUSSION	<p>FSN: Continue to work in each region. DPH: Seeking additional funding for the Title V grant. An update was passes out. DDS: DSS: STED: ASCON: ASRC: COC: OCA: OHA: CLRC: Has a new Chair. DDC: Has awarded the CFSC 33 thousand a job description will be posted.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

11:30-12:00

TRANSFORMATION GRANT

BARBARA BUGGELLA AND BERT PLANT

DISCUSSION	Barbara Buggella from DMAHS The grant focus is on Mental Health. DMAHS is the lead agency. Fifteen state agencies singed an
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agreement to work together. The grant funds 2 million per year and has six goals. The funds are for structure building not for direct services.

1. Consumer, family and youth driven: Looks at services and approach to care paying attention to people's rights.
2. Data: State Departments collect data. The grant looks at the ability to share data between agencies for case management by the Stat Departments adopting memorandums of arrangement to share information.
3. Community Education: Focus on antistigmatic and coordination with BRS.
4. Local school systems: HOPE
5. Workforce Development: Training with existing employers, parent leadership training, and a consultation agency to assist individual with MH issues to join the workforce.

Bert Plant from DCF:

Describes the grant as wrap around services that :

1. Focus on children and youth.
2. Look at existing models.
3. The number of youth who have mental health dilemmas and are involved with juvenile justice. These youths are better served before they reach the juvenile justice system.

Focus areas include:

1. Kid Care Services. Services that were implemented fall short of the family vision and culturally competent focus. A priority is to look at the mistakes and build upon them.
2. Training: staff members were trained but the Agency did not accomplish what was intended follow through was an issue. The Agency needs quality indicators, follow up and supervision.
3. Workforce is a huge issue. Workers need skills to provide the service and it needs to be sustainable. To receive state funding workers need to Provide research, demonstrate that: the needs, the service is sustainable, and what was accomplished.
4. Training package for targeted communities. An RFP will be sent out to provide coordination. An RFQ will also be distributed a community will be a recipient. The community needs to have various community agencies collaborating with them, such as the schools, probation officer etc. There will be flexible funding so that each community can request funding from coordinating entity.
5. Yale University will be looking for outcomes. A focus on school attendance, hospital and residential stays, truancy to name a few.
6. An advisory board will be established.

A parallel but separate focus is the repurchasing emergency psychiatric mobile system to better link with the school system.

CONCLUSIONS	Mr. Plant and Ms. Buggella distributed a Transformation Grant summary	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
The summary hand out was difficult to read a copy will be distributed via the CTFSC list serve.		

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:	Laura Knapp